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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 21,345; Week ago 14,864; Year ago 24,924
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
357 lbs.	148.89	357 lbs.	135.73	355 lbs.	111.25
446 lbs.	136.62	450 lbs.	123.24	451 lbs.	103.69
558 lbs.	127.29	547 lbs.	117.42	566 lbs.	98.03
653 lbs.	121.64	642 lbs.	115.14	645 lbs.	93.71
748 lbs.	114.18	770 lbs.	108.77	746 lbs.	87.59
846 lbs.	111.60	859 lbs.	106.63	875 lbs.	86.18
921 lbs.	109.04				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3650; Week ago 3750; Year ago 5148
Compared to last week, steers steady to 2.00 instances 5.00 higher, heifers under 550 lbs 2.0 to 4.00 lower, over 550 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher, and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	138.00-160.00	300-400 lbs.	132.00-137.50
400-500 lbs.	128.00-138.00	400-500 lbs.	112.50-131.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-139.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-121.00
600-700 lbs.	115.00-127.00	600-700 lbs.	104.00-115.50
700-800 lbs.	113.50-116.50	700-800 lbs.	100.00-103.50
800-900 lbs.	103.00-110.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

Pkg 321 lbs.	111.00
500-600 lbs.	97.00-106.00
600-735 lbs.	90.00-97.00
790-900 lbs.	80.00-84.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2200 lbs 60.00-63.00, High dressing 64.50-67.50, Low dressing 54.00-60.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 885-1300 lbs 4 to 7 yrs, with baby to 300 lb calves, few bred back, 940.00-1270.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-55.50, high dressing 52.50-62.00. Lean (85-90%) 44.00-51.50, low dressing 35.00-45.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs 1050-1350 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 730.00-910.00 per head, set 5 to 6 yrs, red 3rd stage 1320 lbs 1000.00 per head. Medium 1-2 3 to 7 yrs 880-1150 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 640.00-780.00 per head small package blacks 810.00.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6614; week ago 4594; year ago 7396
Cow and Bull Receipts 2169; week ago 2025; year ago 2322
Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 higher, Bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	139.00-158.00	300-400 lbs.	130.50-141.50
400-500 lbs.	130.00-143.00	400-500 lbs.	114.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-132.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-122.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-122.00	600-700 lbs.	108.00-115.00
700-800 lbs.	111.25-118.50	700-800 lbs.	103.00-106.50
800-900 lbs.	109.50-112.35	800-900 lbs.	101.10-106.00

HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	109.00-121.00
400-500 lbs.	103.00-108.00
500-600 lbs.	90.00-102.50
600-700 lbs.	91.50-99.00
700-800 lbs.	85.50-88.50
800-900 lbs.	88.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-52.25, high dressing 49.75-58.50 Lean (85-90%) 41.00-48.50, low dressing 33.00-44.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1195-2685 lbs 59.00-64.50; high dressing 64.50-68.50, low dressing 55.50-61.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1375 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 670.00-885.00, several blacks 900.00 per head. Load heifers 850 lbs. 3rd stage 960.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 1000-1350 lbs. with 125 to 300 lb calves, some rebred 875.00-1075.00 per pair.

NORTH WEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (St. Joe, Maryville)

Receipts: 2221, Week ago 100, Year ago 1025
Receipts were too light during last week's heat for a market comparison, however feeder cattle sold steady to 3.00 higher than two weeks ago.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
600-700 lbs.	117.50-130.00	500-600 lbs.	118.50-125.50
700-800 lbs.	113.00-121.50	600-700 lbs.	116.50-121.50
800-900 lbs.	111.25-115.60	700-800 lbs.	110.85-116.25
900-1000 lbs.	108.85-113.30	800-900 lbs.	107.85-1009.60

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1, Medium and Large 1 7 to 8 yrs 1400-1450 lbs 3rd stage 1000.00-1110.00. per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.50-51.00, high dressing 50.00-54.75, Lean (85-90%) 35.00-42.00, high dressing 44.50-46.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2220 lbs. 58.75-64.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 3089; Week ago 1381; Year ago 2627

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-158.00
400-500 lbs.	124.00-148.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-134.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-132.50
700-800 lbs.	107.50-120.50
800-900 lbs.	104.25-112.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	123.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-130.00
600-700 lbs.	102.00-126.00
700-750 lbs.	96.75-115.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 910-1400 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage 750.00-880.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-53.50, High dressing 49.00-62.00, Lean (85-90%) 44.50-47.50, Low dressing 36.00-43.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 980-1425 lbs with 60-380 lbs calves 800.00-1200.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1225-2065 lbs 57.50-64.00, high dressing 63.50-67.25, low dressing 55.00-58.00.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 2449, Week ago 2169, Year ago 3653

Compared to last week feeders steady to 5.00 higher, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

400-500 lbs.	124.00-146.50
500-600 lbs.	113.50-139.00
600-700 lbs.	112.50-125.00
700-800 lbs.	112.35-118.50
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	114.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	102.50-124.00
600-700 lbs.	102.50-119.25
700-800 lbs.	101.50-107.10

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 78.00-82.00.**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-56.25, high dressing 48.50-58.75, lean 40.50-49.75**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Select and Choice 2-3 76.50-79.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2550 lbs, 53.50-64.50, high dressing 61.50-67.50.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 646; week ago 2116; year ago 423

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 95; week ago 23; year ago 138

Feeder steer and heifer trend not well established. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, Slaughter steers and heifers 4.00 to 5.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	150.00-162.50
400-500 lbs.	146.00-153.00
500-600 lbs.	132.50-137.00
600-700 lbs.	122.00-133.75
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-850 lbs.	109.25-113.90

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1&1-2

300-400 lbs.	136.00-146.00
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	113.75-122.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	109.90-112.40
Load 850 lbs.	106.90

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1400 lbs. 83.25-84.50.**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.50-55.00, low dressing 44.00-47.50.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 79.80-81.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2300 lbs. 55.00-61.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1035; Week ago 636; Year ago 1389

Compared to last week, steers steady to 5.00 higher, heifers 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 5.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.50-148.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-124.50
600-700 lbs.	110.00-126.00
800-900 lbs.	100.25-102.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	113.00-126.00
400-500 lbs.	112.00-126.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-115.00
600-700 lbs.	92.50-112.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs, 940-1370 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 700.00-1035.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 44.75-49.50; high dressing 48.25-53.75. Lean 35.00-40.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 7 yrs 900-1300 lbs with baby-320 lbs calves 885.00-1325.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-1950 lbs, 55.00-60.50, high dressing 64.25.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 2204, Week ago 757, Year ago 3063

Compared to last week steers and heifers 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

400-500 lbs.	127.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	123.50-137.75
600-700 lbs.	117.50-131.00
720-825 lbs.	108.00-122.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

370-385 lbs.	129.00-134.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	114.50-123.50
600-650 lbs.	110.00-120.25
Pkg 764 lbs.	110.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-51.50, high dressing 51.50-58.00, Lean (85-90%) 42.50-47.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2050 lbs. 56.00-62.00, low dressing 50.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1600; Week ago 1000; Year ago 200

Compared to last week, trade light to moderate. Live sales 4.50-5.00 higher, and dressed sales on a grid basis 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Demand and seller interest good.

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 85.00.**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: no sales reported

HEIFERS: 50-60% Choice 1100-1200 lbs 85.00**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**

Choice 3 550-959 lbs 137.00-143.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9627, Week ago 10,130; Year ago 10,423

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower. Sows Steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 63.00-64.00 Weekly top Friday 64.00

SOWS:300-500 lbs 30.00-33.00
Over 500 lbs 34.00-36.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 10,686
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs not tested. Supply and Demand Moderate.
All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered 90% formulated
10,126 head 10 lbs 31.16-34.00, weighted average 10 lbs 33.31

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights
Delivered 0 % formulated
None reported

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 45,000; Week ago 45,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady-2.00 Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good lower
1-3 22.00-30.00, Cull 1 15.00-22.00.
Slaughter Ewes Steady
Feeder Lambs Steady

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 woolled 110-125 88.00-92.00, 125-140 lbs 92.00-95.00 Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 50-70 lbs new crop 95.00-105.00, 70-90 lbs 85.00-95.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

The 100 degree days returned to Missouri this week taking its toll on man, beast, and forages. Only the lucky few had any rain this past week and most of it was measured in tenths. Most all hay has been baled, and with the lack of moisture, tonnage of the later cutting of alfalfa has been very light. Width restrictions on trucks hauling hay have been altered to allow for producers to deliver hay in larger bales and loads. The supply of surplus hay that we normally have to sell has been eliminated, as producers have had to start supplemental feeding earlier than anticipated. Only rains and cooler temperatures can relieve stress on pastures and give us some fall growth. Hay supply and demand are moderate and prices steady to firm. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429). (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 135.00-160.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 100.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-4.50 per bale, 30.00-60.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-100.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 15.00-35.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-45.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00 Wheat straw 1.75-3.00 per small bale.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	570,000	1,624,000	42,000
Last week	699,000	1,877,000	44,000
Last Year	793,000	1,830,000	52,000
2004 yr. to date	13,762,000	43,007,000	1,154,000
2003 yr. to date	15,102,000	42,080,000	1,230,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .02 higher, Medium .04 lower, and Small .02 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .35-.44, Medium .09-.15, Small .07-.11.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 856, (Norwood 8/10/06)
Springer Heifers: Supreme 1725.00-1950.00, Approved 1400.00-1710.00, Medium 1225.00-1300.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1750.00-1910.00, Approved 1550.00-1725.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1210.00-1400.00, 600-700 lbs 1040.00-1235.00, 500-600 lbs 1050.00-1100.00 400-500 lbs 950.00-1100.00, 300-400 lbs 810.00-940.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 400.00-525.00, small 210.00-390.00, Holstein Bulls 165.00-225.00, Jersey Heifer 250.00.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .26 to .29 lower, Wheat .16 to .23 lower, Corn .20 to .21 lower, KC Wheat .22 to .29 lower, Soybean meal 3.90 to 7.50 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	563 1/4	557 1/2	562	557	551
Sep	567 1/4	562 1/2	566 1/2	561 1/4	555 1/4
Nov	582	576 1/4	580	574 1/4	568 1/4
Jan	594 3/4	589 1/4	593 1/4	587 3/4	582
Mar	604	599	603 1/4	597 3/4	591 1/4
Wheat					
Sep	393	384	388	386 1/2	373 3/4
Dec	413 3/4	405 1/4	409 1/4	407 1/2	395 1/2
Mar	432 1/4	422 3/4	426 1/2	425 3/4	413 3/4
May	441 1/2	432	436	435 3/4	424
Jul	446 1/2	439	442 1/4	441 1/2	428 1/2
Corn					
Sep	239 3/4	235 3/4	239 3/4	238 3/4	224 3/4
Dec	257	253	256 3/4	255 3/4	241 3/4
Mar	271 1/4	267 1/4	270 1/2	270	256 3/4
May	280 1/4	276 1/4	280	278 3/4	265 1/2
Jul	289 1/2	285 1/4	288 3/4	287 1/2	274 1/2
KC Wheat					
Sep	484 1/2	469 3/4	471 1/2	469 1/4	454 1/4
Dec	499 1/2	488	489 1/2	484 3/4	472 3/4
Mar	506 1/2	493 1/2	499	495	480
May	496	491	490	491	478
Jul	476	468	473 1/4	468	456
SB Meal					
Aug	158.90	157.90	158.60	159.70	159.30
Sep	160.60	159.30	159.80	158.60	159.00
Oct	161.90	161.90	160.80	160.00	160.20
Dec	164.60	163.10	163.40	162.70	163.20
Jan	166.40	166.40	164.80	163.90	164.30

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle nearby .82 to 3.90 higher, Feb and Apr .22 to .60 lower, Lean Hogs .0 to 2.85 higher. Pork Bellies 1.25 to 5.10 lower, Feeder Cattle 2.22 to 2.43 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	85.42	85.35	86.30	88.47	88.80
Oct	89.90	89.92	90.45	92.37	92.55
Dec	90.00	90.05	90.00	90.97	90.52
Feb	91.55	91.27	91.05	91.77	90.80
Apr	89.70	89.70	89.30	89.85	89.35
Lean Hogs					
Aug	71.42	71.42	70.75	71.52	71.82
Oct	63.30	63.50	62.65	64.40	64.50
Dec	60.92	60.95	60.47	61.82	61.80
Feb	61.97	61.90	61.62	62.40	62.02
Apr	62.30	62.30	61.95	62.90	62.20
Prk Bel					
Aug	79.97	80.62	79.40	76.60	74.05
Feb	91.95	91.42	90.45	91.05	89.42
Mar	91.80	91.00	90.60	90.62	90.00
May	93.25	92.75	92.50	92.50	91.90
Jul	—	—	—	—	—
Fdr Cat					
Aug	116.00	116.12	116.07	117.40	117.35
Sep	115.87	116.12	115.95	117.45	117.50
Oct	116.37	116.55	116.52	117.92	117.67
Nov	114.95	115.15	115.20	116.75	116.62
Jan	109.85	109.95	109.85	111.25	111.60
Milk					
Aug	10.97	10.96	10.95	10.94	10.99
Sep	11.86	11.88	11.68	11.76	11.90
Oct	12.55	12.57	12.40	12.46	12.58

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .06 to .56 lower
Wheat .14 to .17 lower
Corn .15 to .20 lower
Grain Sorghum .35 to .56 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy-bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.46	3.35	2.19	3.96
Tuesday	5.40	3.20	2.16	3.89
Wednesday	5.44	3.22	2.20	3.96
Thursday	5.38	3.19	2.19	3.95
Friday	5.32	3.19	2.05	3.70
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.50-5.51	3.29	2.30	4.73
Tuesday	5.40-5.44	3.20	2.28-2.35	4.60
Wednesday	5.44-5.51	3.30	2.34	4.58
Thursday	5.41-5.43	3.28	2.39	4.54
Friday	5.36-5.40	3.17	2.21-2.25	4.29
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.11-5.32	2.87-3.43	2.00-2.12	3.25-3.83
Tuesday	5.11-5.16	3.13-3.34	2.03	3.17
Wednesday	5.17-5.19	3.22-3.38	2.07	3.25
Thursday	5.09-5.13	2.80-3.37	2.06-2.15	3.23-3.83
Friday	5.03-5.07	2.70-3.24	1.92-2.05	3.03-3.57
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.34-5.47	3.16-3.28	2.15-2.27	4.21-4.41
Tuesday	5.31-5.37	3.10-3.17	2.17-2.26	4.10-4.26
Wednesday	5.37-5.40	3.18-3.23	2.21-2.29	4.03-4.33
Thursday	5.32-5.36	3.19-3.23	2.20-2.32	4.16-4.32
Friday	5.30-5.34	3.06-3.11	2.09-2.20	3.91-3.94

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)

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Weekly Crop Report

Hot, dry weather continued to take its toll on row crops and pastures, while also drawing down soil moisture supplies. Corn and soybean condition ratings fell, more significantly for soybeans. Field Crops Report Eighty-four percent of the corn crop is in dough stage, about even with last year but 1 week ahead of normal. Corn in dent stage is at 45 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average of 34 percent. The crop is rated 6 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, a decline of 7 percentage points in good to excellent. Southern districts were mostly stable, since the rapidly maturing crop is too far advanced to be hurt by dry weather. However, other districts saw conditions fall by 5 to 11 points in good to excellent. This year's 47 percent in good to excellent compares to 30 percent last year. Soybean blooming is at 85 percent, 1 day behind last year but 6 days ahead of average. Pod setting is at 52 percent, 2 days behind last year but 4 days ahead of the 5-year average of 44 percent. Condition of the bean crop declined dramatically to 6 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, a drop of 13 percentage points in good to excellent. This compares to 25 percent in good to excellent last year. Of the major soybean districts, the northeast and west-central each fell by over 20 points to 35 and 17 percent good to excellent, the central 12 points to 30 percent, and the southeast 10 points to 48 percent, while rains in the northwest held the decline there to 6 points and 33 percent good to excellent. There have been reports of pods aborting. Sorghum heading has reached 87 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and over 1 week ahead of normal, while 21 percent is turning color, 2 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of normal. Condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa advanced to 73 percent harvested, 10 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of normal. The quick harvest progress is attributed to a short crop. Pasture & Livestock Pasture condition is rated 35 percent very poor, 36 percent poor, 21 percent fair, and 8 percent good. Hay supply is rated 14 percent very short, 38 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.